Computerisation of treasuries

4204. SHRI R.S. GAVAI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :—

(a) whether Government have agreed to finance the project of computerisation of treasuries being executed by Software Technology Parks of India, Bangalore;

(b) if so, the amount allocated and released therefor, so far, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have received requests from various State Governments including Maharashtra and Karnataka to provide assistance for computerisation of District and Sub-treasuries;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) by when the funds are likely to be released for completion of the project, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e): Ministry of Information Technology through National Informatics Centre (NIC) has been providing technical support to all the States for computerisation of their treasuries. This Ministry also provides limited financial support for pilot projects to establish proof of concept and the mass scale deployment has to be undertaken by the respective States from their own resources. A proposal seeking financial assistance of Rs.47.4 crores for computerisation of treasuries was received from Government of Karnataka which has been examined and they have been advised to re-cast the same in accordance with existing guidelines.

Encouragement to Internet Services

4205. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's policy is to encourage internet services for the promotion of Information Technology;